Funds allotted for the coaching complex at Nagercoil

418. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs. 5 lakhs allotted for the coach manufacturing complex at Nagercoil, which had the necessary infrastructure about 3-4 years ago, has not been utilised;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the then Divisional Railway Manager surrendered the allotted funds not taking the initiative to implement the scheme ; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) There was no question of allotment of Rs. 5 lakhs as the work was not finally sanctioned.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Completion of Karur-Dindigal and Madurai-Tuticorial Railway Project

419. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to complete the long pending Karur-Dindigal and Madurai-Tuticorial Railway project; and

(b) by when the laying of the line between Madurai and Maniyachchi is likely to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Karur-Dindigul-Madurai-Maniyachchi-Tuticorin/Talaiyuthu (327.94 Kms) new BG rail line project is being executed in 2 pahses:

Phase I : Stage (i) : Parallel BG line from Maniyachchi to Talaiyuthu and from Maniyachchi to Tuticorin (53 Kms) - Commissioned in 1985-86.

Stage (ii) : New BG line from Karur to Dindigul (72.90 Kms) Commissioned in 1988-89.

Stage (iii) : Parallel BG line from Dindigul to Madurai (64.32 Kms)—Work in progress.

Phase II : Conversion of MG to BG on Madurai-Maniyachchi (127.25 Km) & Milavittan-Tuticorin—(7. Kms).

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The allocation for the project as a whole was Rs. 4 crores in Budget for 1989-90 and an additional sum of Rs. 2 crores was allotted by reappropriation during the current year. To accelerate the progress a sum of Rs. 13 crores is proposed to be allocated to this project during 1990-91.

(b) Work on Madurai-Maniyachchi will be taken up as Phase-II of the project.

Registered unemployed graduates and post graduates

420. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state the number of unemployed graduates and post graduates separately registered with various Employment Exchanges in the country as on date, state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : A statement showing State-wise graduate and post-graduates job-seekers, on the live register of Employment Exchanges in the country, not all of whom are necessarily unemployed as on 31-12-1988 (latest available) is enclosed.